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: Group Art Unit: **NOT  
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TITLE: **Aryl or heteroaryl fused imidazole  
compounds as anti-inflammatory and analgesic  
agents**

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title, add:

--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. application serial no. 60/241,825, filed October 19, 2000.—

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